

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing a toner comprising:  
pulverizing a resin composition with a jet type pulverizer ~~comprising~~ including a venturi nozzle and an impact member arranged so as to face the venturi nozzle,  
wherein the impact member includes a cylindrical member of which ~~a bottom~~ an end is in a form of a part of a true circle or an oval, wherein the cylindrical member comprises an impact side on a curved side, and the impact side faces toward an inlet of the venturi nozzle,  
wherein an axis of the cylindrical member is disposed at a non-zero angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the venturi nozzle, [[and]]  
wherein the axis of the cylindrical member is parallel to the impact side facing toward the inlet of the venturi nozzle, and  
wherein the axis of the cylindrical member is disposed horizontally with respect to gravity.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the impact member is arranged to face an outlet of the nozzle so that a most projected part is located on an extension of a central shaft of the venturi nozzle.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the venturi nozzle comprises an inlet, a throat part, a diffuser part, and an outlet in that order, wherein an inner side of said throat part forms a smooth, continuous arc starting from the inlet to the diffuser part.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the venturi nozzle comprises an inlet, a throat part, a diffuser part, a straight part, and an outlet in that order.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the resin composition is mixed with a fine inorganic particle, and thereafter the mixture is fed to the jet type pulverizer.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 17, wherein the fine inorganic particle is made of silica.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the resin composition comprises a resin binder comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyesters, vinyl resins such as styrene-acrylic resins, epoxy resins, polycarbonates, polyurethanes, and a hybrid resin in which two or more resin components are partially chemically bonded.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the resin composition is a resin composition having a particle size of 3 mm or less, obtained by melt-kneading a mixture comprising a resin binder and a colorant, and thereafter pulverizing the mixture.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the toner has a volume-average particle size of 7  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): A jet type pulverizer comprising:  
a venturi nozzle; and  
an impact member arranged so as to face the venturi nozzle,  
wherein the impact member includes a cylindrical member of which bottom is in a  
form of a part of a true circle or an oval, wherein the cylindrical member comprises an impact  
side on a curved side and the impact side faces toward an inlet of the venturi nozzle,  
wherein an axis of the cylindrical member is disposed at a non-zero angle relative to a  
longitudinal axis of the venturi nozzle, [[and]]  
wherein the axis of the cylindrical member is parallel to the impact side facing toward  
the inlet of the venturi nozzle, and  
wherein the axis of the cylindrical member is disposed horizontally with respect to  
gravity.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the  
non-zero angle is a right-angle.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 13, ~~further~~  
~~comprising arranging the axis of the cylindrical member horizontally with respect to gravity,~~  
wherein the direction of the impact of the product to be pulverized is parallel to a horizontal  
surface of the cylindrical member.

Claims 26-27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing a toner comprising:  
pulverizing a resin composition with a jet type pulverizer comprising a venturi nozzle  
and an impact member arranged so as to face the venturi nozzle, the resin composition  
flowing in a direction of travel toward the impact member,  
wherein the impact member includes a cylindrical member of which a bottom is in a  
form of a part of a true circle or an oval,  
wherein the cylindrical member comprises a curved impact side facing toward an inlet  
of the venturi nozzle, [[and]]  
wherein a cross-sectional area of the cylindrical member including the curved impact  
side facing toward the inlet of the venturi nozzle is constant, and  
wherein the axis of the cylindrical member is disposed horizontally with respect to  
gravity.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 28, wherein a  
radius of curvature of the curved impact side is constant.

Claims 30-31 (Canceled).

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 28, wherein the  
cylindrical member includes first and second flat surfaces, and the first flat surface is  
disposed at first end of the cylindrical member opposite a second end of the cylindrical  
member on which the second flat surface is disposed.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim ~~[[33]]~~ 32, wherein the first and second flat surfaces are vertical.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 13, wherein the axis of the cylindrical member is an axis of symmetry in at least one plane.

Claim 35 (New): The process according to claim 13, wherein the venturi nozzle is the only nozzle the impact side faces.

Claim 36 (New): The process according to claim 28, wherein the venturi nozzle is the only nozzle the impact side faces.